

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, and 13 and add Claims 17 through 19 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A toner supplying container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus for supplying a toner, said toner supplying container comprising:

a container body for containing the toner;

a toner discharging port provided in said container body;

a shutter for opening and closing said toner discharging port; [[and]]

a detection portion for detection of a position of said shutter by an optical sensor provided in said image forming apparatus; and

a rotating member for rotating relative to said container body to move said shutter so as to be opened and closed,

wherein said detection portion is provided on said rotating member. apparatus.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A toner supplying container according to Claim 1, [[2,]] wherein when said container body is in a state in which said container body has been substantially unrotatably mounted in said image forming apparatus, said rotating member becomes rotatable relative to said container body.

4. **(Original)** A toner supplying container according to Claim 1, wherein said detection portion is provided with a light reflecting member.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A toner supplying container according to Claim 1, further comprising wherein said detection portion is provided with a grip provided on said rotating member,

wherein said detection portion is provided on a surface of said grip. grip:

6. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus to which a toner supplying container is detachably mountable, the toner supplying container having a container body for containing a toner, a toner discharging port provided in the container body, and a shutter for opening and closing the toner discharging port, said image forming apparatus comprising:

an interchange door openable and closable for interchange of the toner supplying container; and

an optical sensor provided on an inner surface of said interchange door for detecting a position of the shutter when said interchange door is closed. shutter:

7. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said optical sensor detects an opening of the shutter.

8. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the toner supplying container has a rotating member for rotating relative to the

container body to move the shutter so as to be opened and closed, and said optical sensor receives ~~is capable of receiving~~ light reflected by said ~~[[the]]~~ rotating member being in a position when said shutter is moved to an open ~~rotated~~ position.

9. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said optical sensor is capable of detecting whether the toner supplying container is mounted.

10. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said optical sensor is capable of detecting whether said interchange door has been opened.

11. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 7, further comprising a rotary member rotatable with a plurality of toner supplying containers held on said rotary member, wherein said plurality of toner supplying containers are detachably mountable through said interchange door to said rotary member.

12. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus to which a toner supplying container is detachably mountable, said image forming apparatus comprising:
an interchange door openable and closable for interchange of the toner supplying container; and
an optical sensor provided on an inner surface of said interchange door to detect whether said ~~[[the]]~~ toner supplying container is mounted when said interchange door is closed. ~~mounted.~~

13. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said ~~[[the]]~~ toner supplying container includes ~~[[has]]~~ a rotating member for rotating relative to ~~[[the]]~~ a container body to move ~~[[the]]~~ a shutter so as to be opened and closed, wherein said optical sensor receives ~~is capable of receiving~~ light reflected by said ~~[[the]]~~ rotating member being in a position when said shutter is moved to an open rotated position.

14. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said optical sensor is capable of detecting whether said toner supplying container is mounted.

15. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said optical sensor is capable of detecting whether said interchange door has been opened.

16. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 12, further comprising a rotary member rotatable with a plurality of toner supplying containers held on said rotary member, wherein said plurality of toner supplying containers are detachably mountable through said interchange door to said rotary member.

17. **(New)** A toner supplying container according to Claim 1, wherein a surface, to be detected by said optical sensor, of said detection portion is disposed parallel with a direction of gravitational force.

18. (New) An image forming apparatus to which a toner supplying container is detachably mountable, the toner supplying container including a container body for containing a toner, a toner discharging port provided in the container body, and a shutter for opening and closing the toner discharging port, said image forming apparatus comprising:

a mounting portion to which the toner supplying container is mounted;

a door provided at an entrance of said mounting portion, said door being openable and closable for interchange of the toner supplying container;

drive transmitting means drive-connected to both of the shutter and a rotary member provided on one end side of the toner supplying container when the toner supplying container is mounted to said mounting portion for transmitting a drive applied to the rotary member to the shutter to open and close the shutter;

an optical sensor provided on an inner surface of said door to detect whether a detection portion provided on the rotary member is in an opposite position when said door is closed; and

means for judging an opening or closing state of the shutter based on a detection result of said optical sensor.

19. (New) An image forming apparatus to which a toner supplying container is detachably mountable, the toner supplying container including a container body for containing a toner, a toner discharging port provided in the container body, and a shutter for opening and closing the toner discharging port, said image forming apparatus comprising:

a mounting portion to which the toner supplying container is mounted;

a door provided at an entrance of said mounting portion, said door being openable and closable for interchange of the toner supplying container;

drive transmitting means drive-connected to both of the shutter and a rotary member provided on one end side of the toner supplying container when the toner supplying container is mounted to said mounting portion for transmitting a drive applied to the rotary member to the shutter to open and close the shutter;

an optical sensor provided on an inner surface of said door to detect whether a detection portion provided on the rotary member is in an opposite position when said door is closed; and

means for judging a presence or absence of a mounted toner supplying container based on a detection result of said optical sensor.